

WHEREAS,

The opportunity to live, work, worship, attend school, and enjoy activities in our community is the right of all citizens; and

WHEREAS,

Citizens who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities often encounter barriers in obtaining meaningful employment, adequate health care, and equal opportunities for integration and community inclusion; and

WHEREAS,

We believe that the great State of Nebraska is made up of people from many backgrounds and abilities and that each member of our citizenry, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, contributes to the success of our communities by learning, working, volunteering, and living side by side to ensure that we all can experience "the good life".

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of March 2017 as



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to ensure that persons with developmental disabilities have opportunities to fully participate in Nebraska's "Good Life" as workers, community members and contributing citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen.

Attest:

Secretary of State

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